

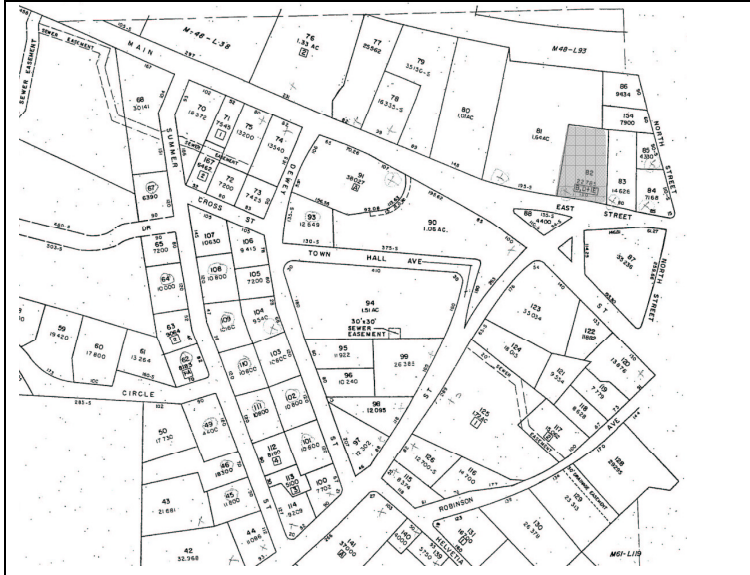
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
Tewksbury Center

Address: 20 East Street

Historic Name: Bravity & Sarah Gray House

Uses: Present: Four-Unit Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: c1817

Source: Vital Statistics & Style

Style/Form: Federal

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granote

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Store converted to housing (2nd qua. 20th century)

Major Alterations (with dates):
Entrance (late 20th century)
Eastern Ell removed (late 19th century)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.52 Acres

Setting: Set near the street in a primarily residential area in the village center.

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BARNSTABLE

20 East Street

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The two-and-a-half story house at **20 East Street** is a rectangular dwelling. The five by four bay building rests on a granite foundation. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A narrow brick chimney projects from the western slope of the roof. The walls are clad with vinyl siding. A projecting hip roof hood is located above the central entrance and is supported by two large decorative brackets with finials, one of which is missing. The entry door is flanked half height replacement sidelights. Fenestration includes 1/1 vinyl replacement windows. The windows are each flanked by louvered shutters. A one-story ell projects from the rear (north) of the building. The ell has a hip roof.

To the east of the dwelling is a one-story rectangular building with a mono-pitch roof. The three bay building features a central entrance protected by a projecting gable roof. A large fixed pane window flanked by narrow sash windows is located on either side of the entry door. The side (east & west) walls are constructed of decorative concrete block. The front (south) wall is clad in vinyl siding. The rear ell projects from the western façade. A secondary entrance is located on this projecting elevation. The roof is covered by a rubber membrane.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Bravity Gray was born in 1789 to Jonathan and Mary Gray of 30 East Street (TEW.11). He married first to Sarah Carter in 1817. Sarah died the next year of a fever fourteen days after giving birth to their son William Henry Gray who died in infancy at 15 months of age. Bravity remarried in 1824 to Mrs. Sarah Bailey. The second Mrs. Bailey and Bravity had two daughters, Mary and Susan, and two sons, William (b1825) and Thaddeus (1839-1847).

Bravity Gray was a merchant. He operated a store adjacent to his house on East Street. Bravity died c1858. His widow occupied their house until her death in 1871. The house was then owned by their daughter Susan Gray (c1890).

The ell of the house that housed the store on the first floor and a large hall on the second was moved across East Street to the corner of East and Pleasant. For many years the store was then run by Timothy Gray and then Adolph B Moore.

In the first quarter of the 20th century the house was occupied by the Arthur Tremblay family. Arthur operated a grocery and variety store on East Street at his home, probably in the one-story flat-roof building constructed of concrete block to the east that is now used as a dwelling. The store later moved to 1091 Main Street. His daughter Rita (1923-2002) married William Quinn (1909-1990) between 1951-1959, a clerk at her father's store and they lived in the house at 20 East Street.

Additional owners include: Rita B [Tremblay] Quinn; and Dennis & Susan McHugh (1983-2009)

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Directories. 1896-97, 1898-99, 1900-01, 1911-12, 1913-14, 1915-16, 1919, 1927, 1930-31, 1932-33, 1937-38, 1940-41, 1942-1943, 1949 [Ancestry], 1953, 1955, 1961, and 1967.

Map of the Town of Tewksbury 1852. Henry F Walling. Boston, MA.

1865 Map of Tewkesbury with inset.

Atlas of Middlesex County 1875. FW Beers.

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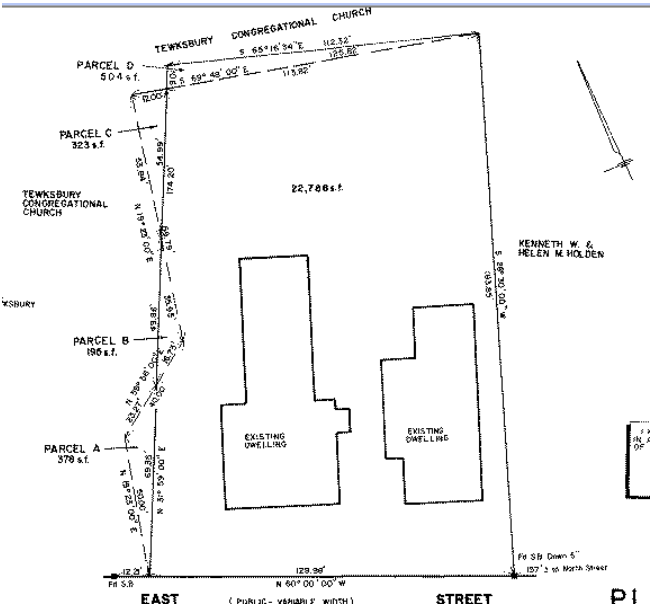
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Altas of Middlesex County 1889. Geo H Walker & Co.
List of Residents by Streets, Ages 17 years and over, In the Town of Tewksbury Mass. As prepared by the Board of Registrars (various years 1965-)
Valuations of the Real and Personal Estate of the Town of Tewksbury.
North Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.



Image from Patton's Ask Now of the Days that are Past



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